

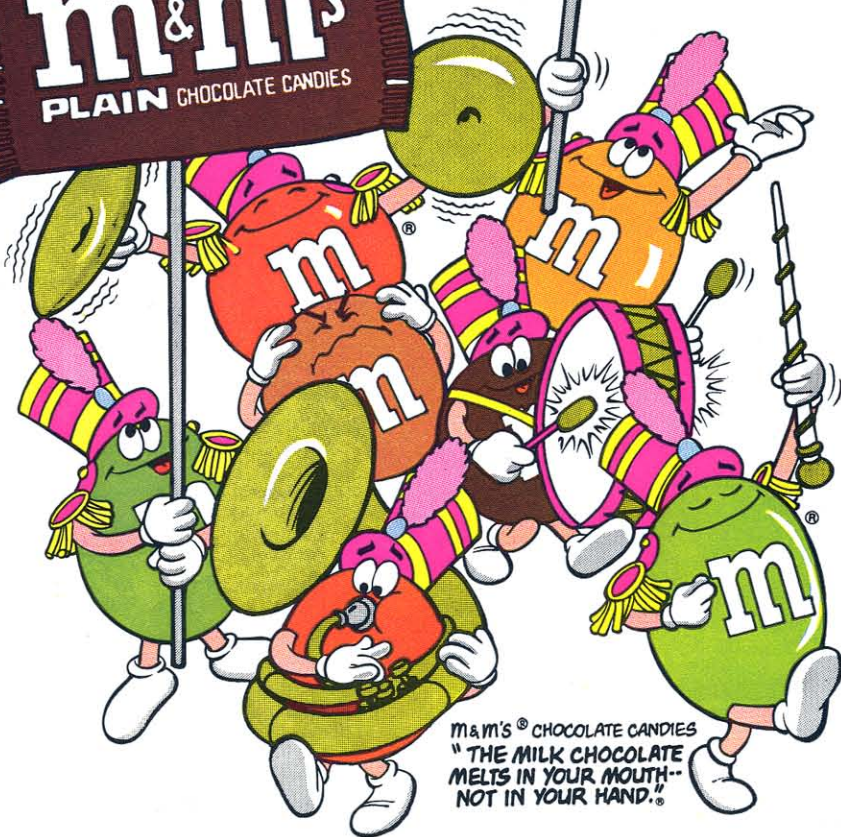
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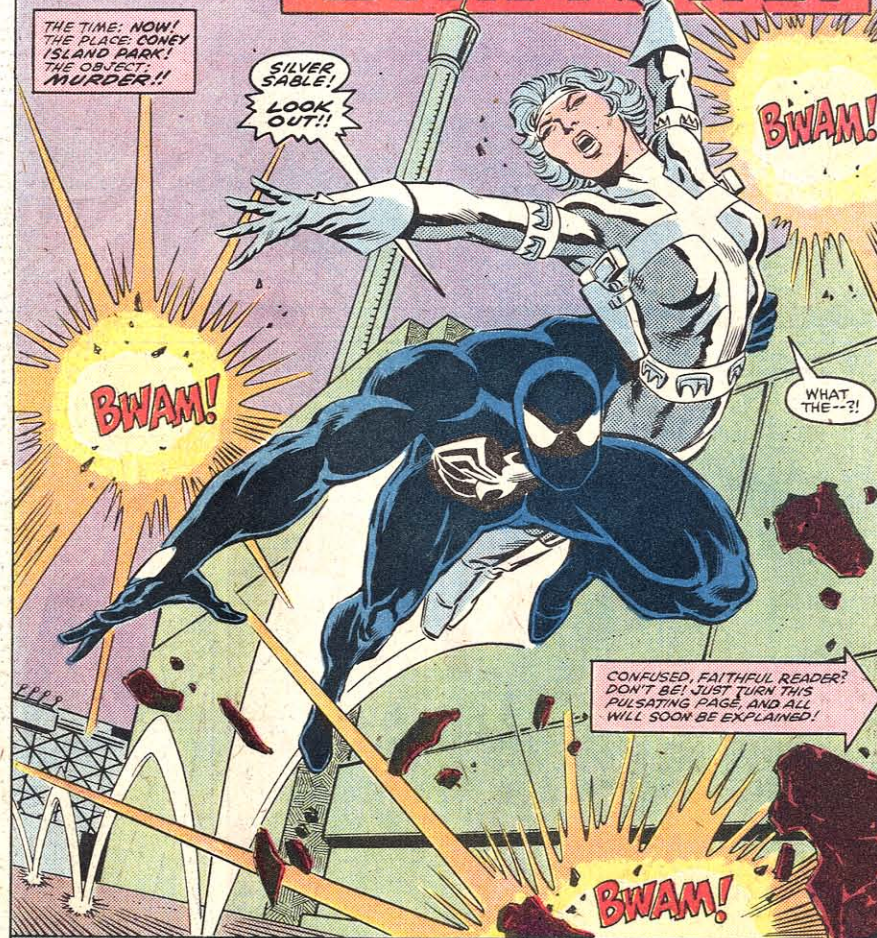
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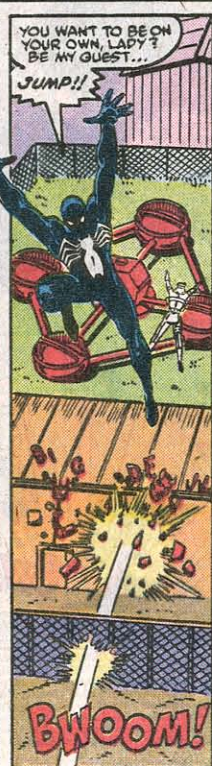
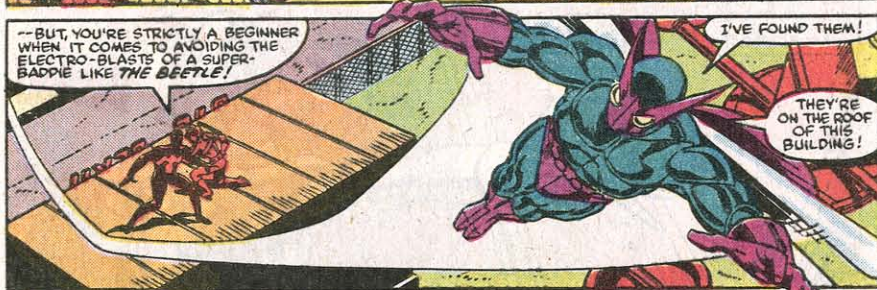


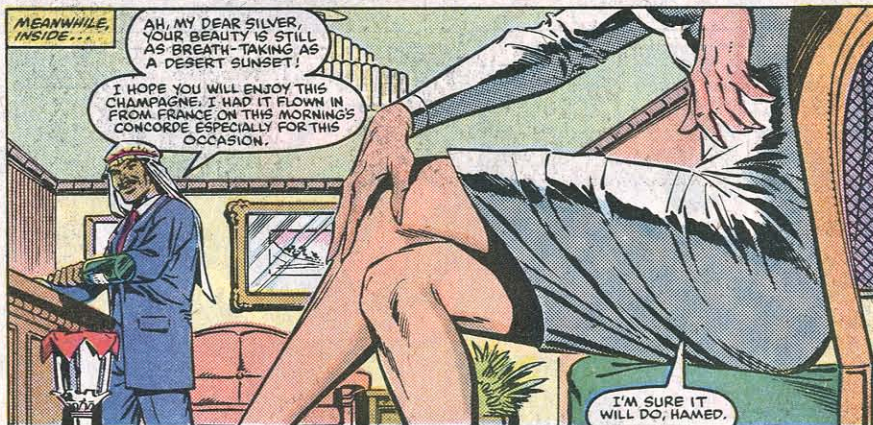
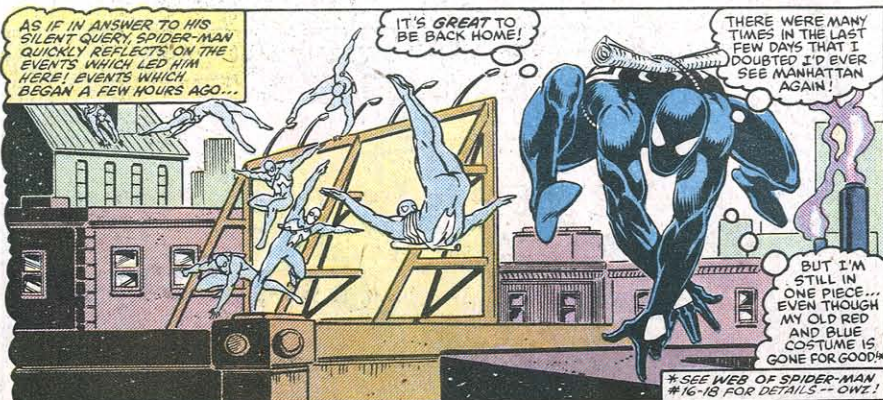
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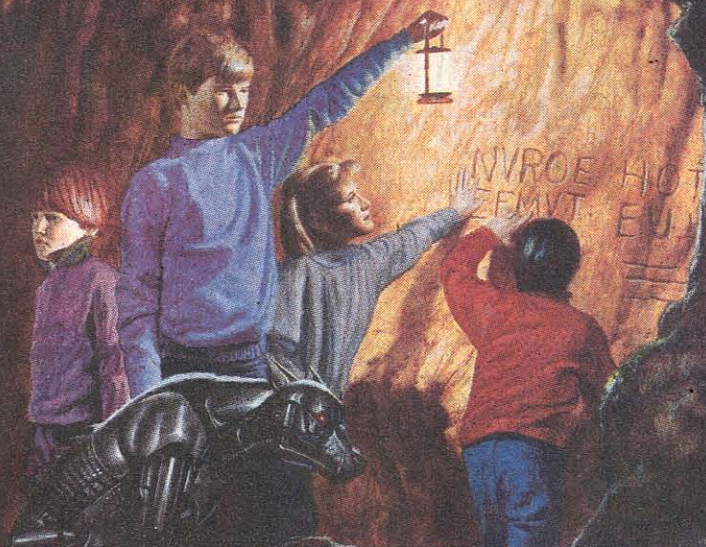
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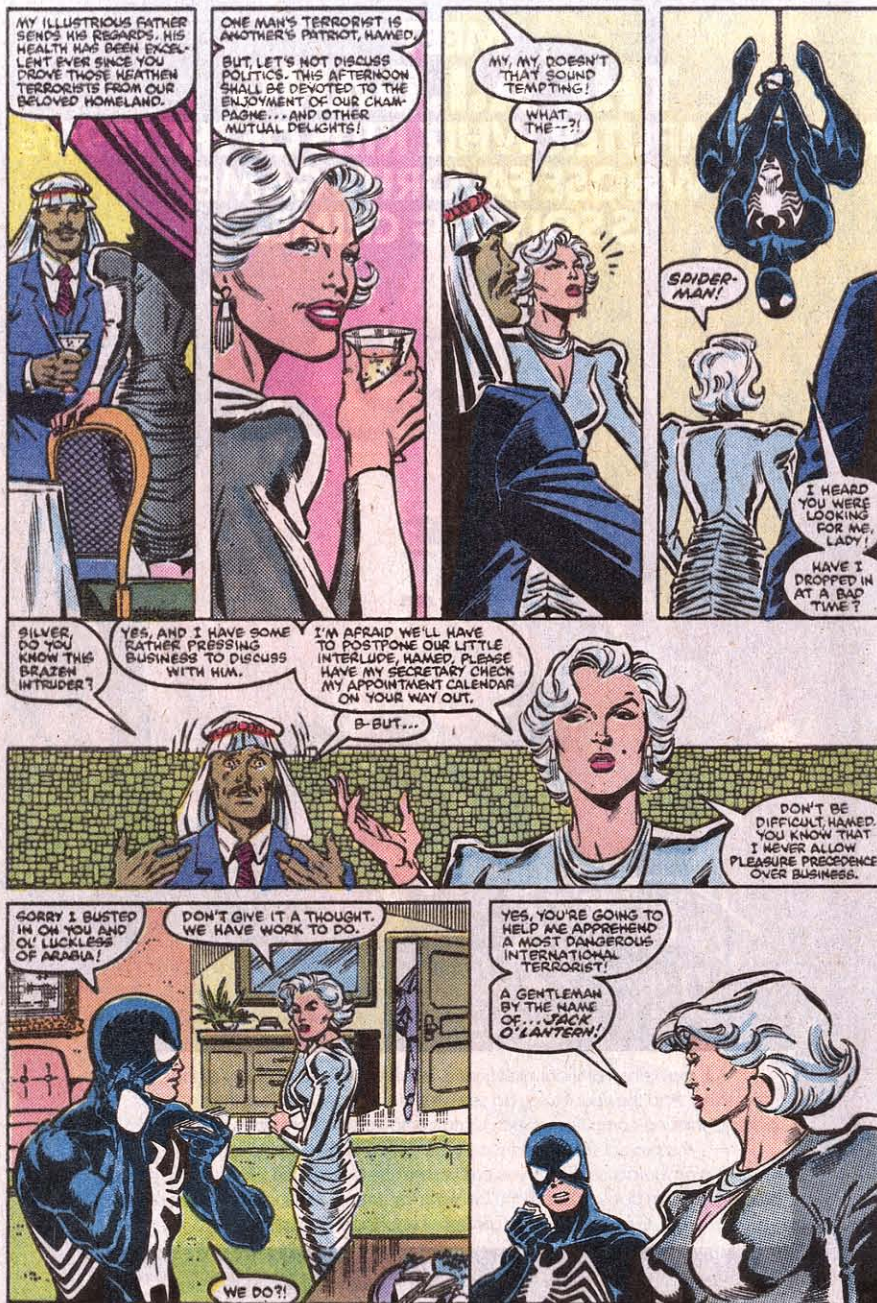


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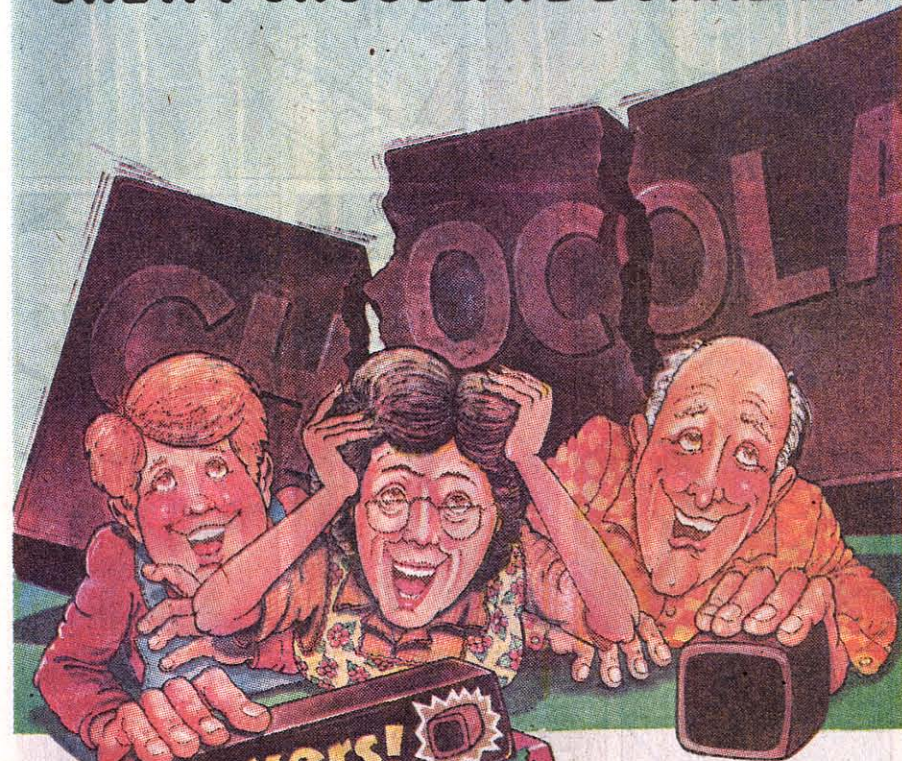
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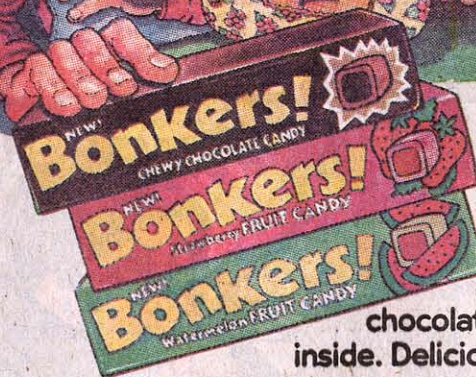
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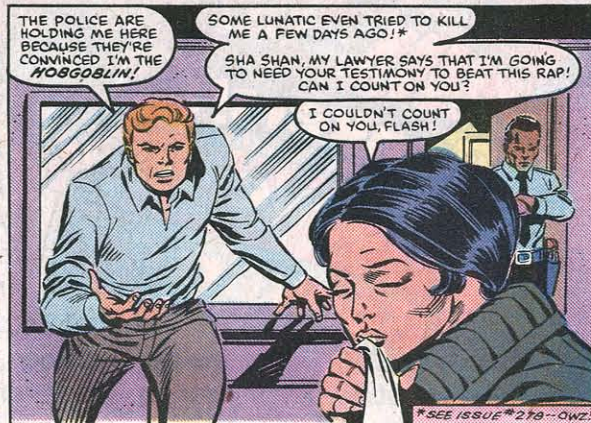
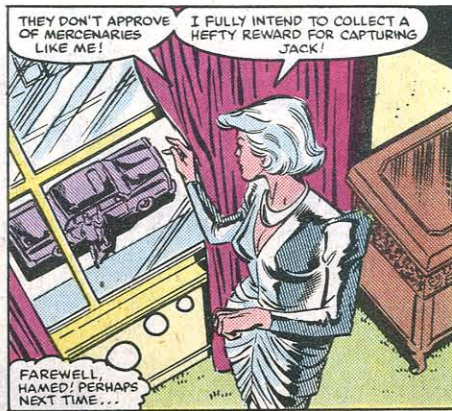
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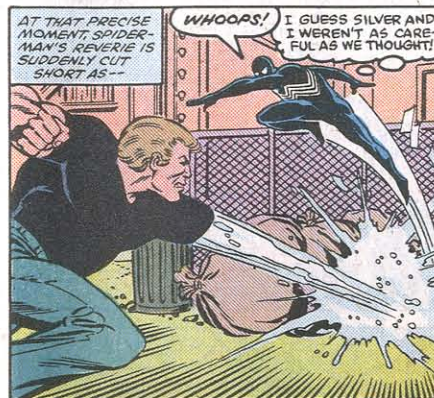
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THE NIGHT IS TURNING
OUT SO MUCH WORSE
THAN I EVER IMAGINED!

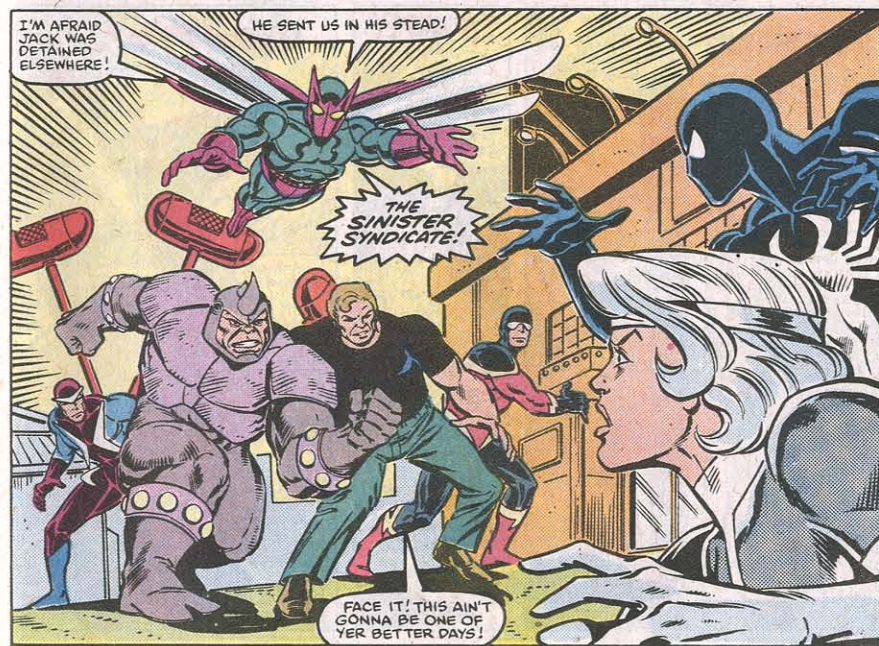


DO THE ODDS
CONCERN YOU?

NO, THE FOES!

THERE ISN'T A
DECENT BOUNTY
AMONG THEM!

WHERE'S JACK O'LANTERN?
HE'S THE ONE WE'RE BEING
PAID TO NEUTRALIZE!

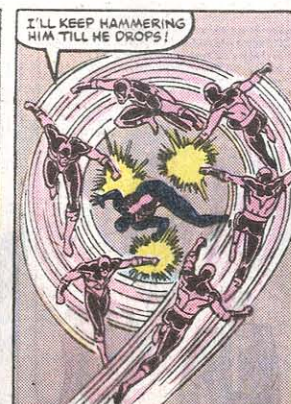
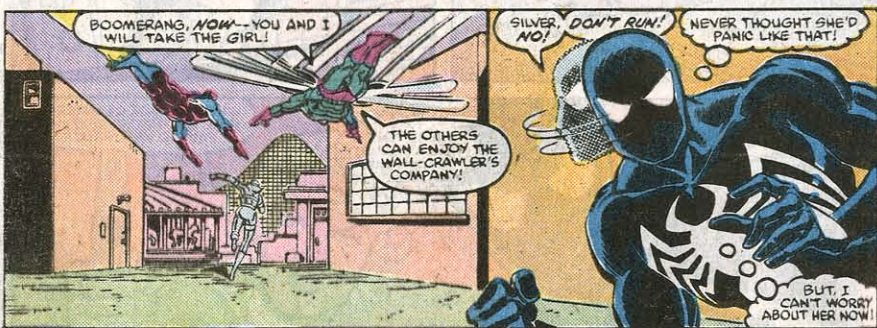


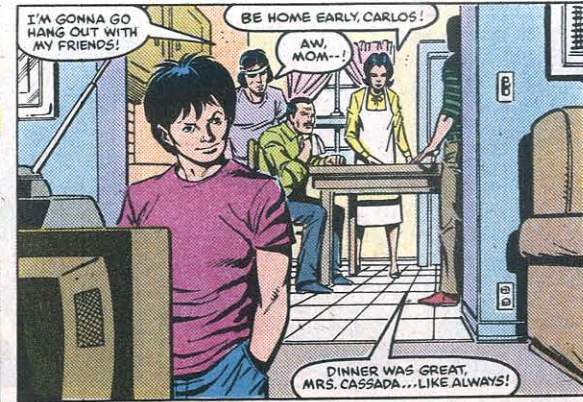
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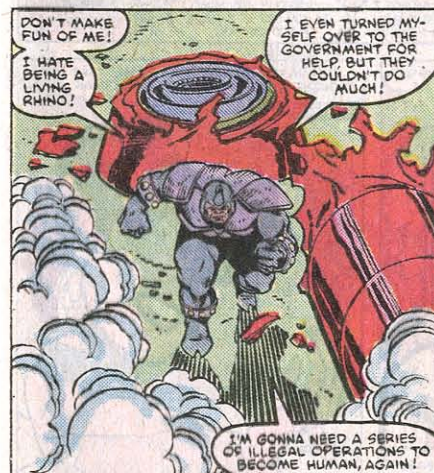
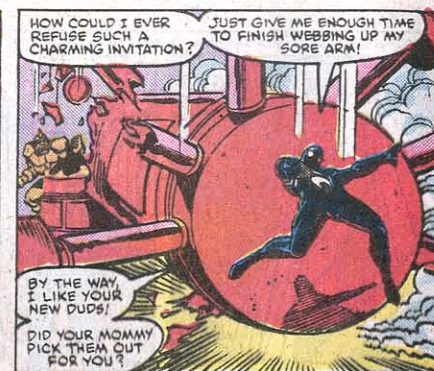
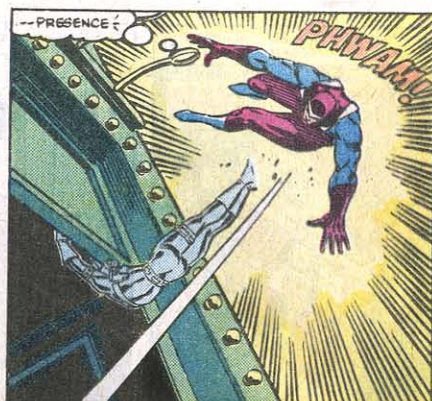
HE SENT US IN HIS STEAD!

THE
SINISTER
SYNDICATE!

FACE IT! THIS AIN'T
GONNA BE ONE OF
YER BETTER DAYS!





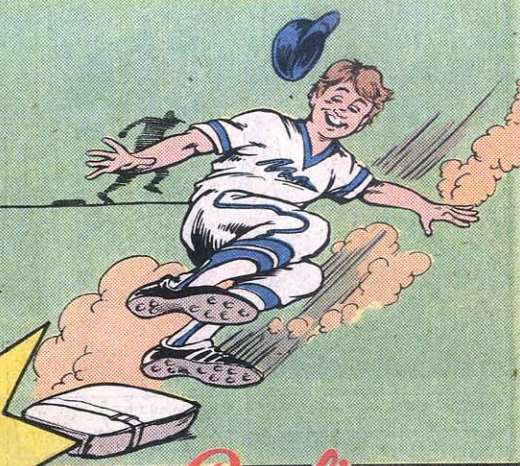




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HE'S THROUGH TOYING WITH ME!
I CAN ALMOST FEEL HIM CLOSING IN!

YOU'VE LED ME ON QUITE A CHASE, WOMAN, BUT IT'S ABOUT TO END!

HAVE TO DO THE LAST THING HE EXPECTS--AND ATTACK!

IF ONLY I CAN REACH THE JUTTING ARM OF THAT RIDE--

REACH IT, SHE DOES! AND THEN--

BWA NGG!

UNNN:

THE IMPACT CAUGHT HIM TOTALLY BY SURPRISE!

I MANAGED TO STUN HIM, BUT, AT WHAT COST?!

NEED A FEW SECONDS TO ASSESS THE DAMAGE TO MY OWN BODY! THE ASTROTOWER--!

UGH: FEELS LIKE I BROKE BOTH ANKLES WHEN I COLLIDED WITH THE BEETLE'S BATTLE-SUIT!

GOT TO GET THIS PAIN UNDER CONTROL BEFORE HE RENEWS HIS ATTACK, OR I'M DEAD!

BUT, AT THAT VERY SPLIT-SECOND, A LIVING BLUR ROCKETS TOWARD THE TOWER...

LADY, YOU JUST MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR CAREER!

Snap!

THE SPEED DEMON ACTIVATED THE TOWER!

IT'S RACING SKYWARD!!

SILVER--!

SHE'S TRAPPED! THERE'S NO PLACE TO RUN UP THERE!

MANAGED TO SNAG THE BOTTOM OF THE TOWER!

THIS IS REALLY NUTS! WE'RE BOTH RISKING OUR NECKS, AND FOR WHAT?!

SURE, I NEED THE MONEY TO HELP FLASH THOMPSON, BUT IS ANYTHING WORTH ALL THIS GRIEF?!

YOU OKAY?

MY ANKLES ARE IN BAD SHAPE, BUT I'LL SURVIVE!

NOT IF THEY HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT IT!

HANG ON!

BWOOM!

NO ARGUMENT THIS TIME! WHERE ARE WE HEADED?

Cyclone

WE'RE TAKING A LITTLE ROLLER COASTER RIDE!

WE'LL HIDE INSIDE THESE TRACKS UNTIL WE CAN PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE!

WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE!

IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS FOR THEM TO EVEN THINK OF COMING IN AFTER US!

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!

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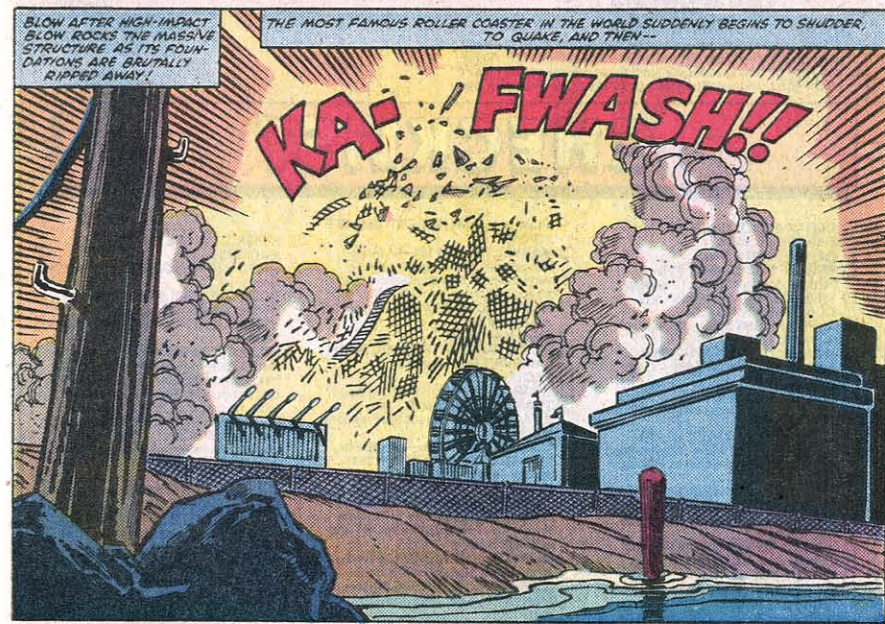
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Also, as Editor in Chief, I too will be attending the aforementioned conventions. So, too, will my right hand man, Executive Editor Tom DeFalco who oversees our STAR Comics line and Archie Goodwin, Editorial Director of the EPIC Comics department (my left hand man!). You'll also see dozens of other Marvel artists, writers and editors at these conventions—far too many to list here. So come out and see us! For more information on these conventions write to these addresses:

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Strive on!

Jim Shooter
Jim Shooter
Editor in Chief

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- ☐ CLOAK AND DAGGER #8
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- ☐ NEW MUTANTS #43
- ☐ WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #18—Where's Spidey? Find out this issue!
- ☐ WEST COAST AVENGERS #12
- ☐ CONAN THE KING #36
- ☐ ALPHA FLIGHT #38—The birth of Snowbird's child!
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #280
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #231—Cap must take a life!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR INDEX #10—Thrill to the grandeur of issues #161-180!
- ☐ VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #12—The dramatic double-sized conclusion as Wanda gives birth!
- ☐ THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE #10—Get the scoop on everyone from Phastos to Sabertooth!
- ☐ AVENGERS #271—With Paladin!
- ☐ CONAN THE BARBARIAN #186
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- Mutants, by ANN NOCENTI and ART ADAMS!
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #191—A triple-sized special, featuring the controversial 3-part drug abuse story from Amazing Spider-Man #96-98!
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #294—To rescue the She-Hulk!
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- ☐ PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #118
- ☐ SECTAURS #8
- ☐ THOR #371—Who is Justice Peace?
- ☐ TRANSFORMERS #20
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- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP INDEX #5—Meet Spidey's partners from issues #81-100!

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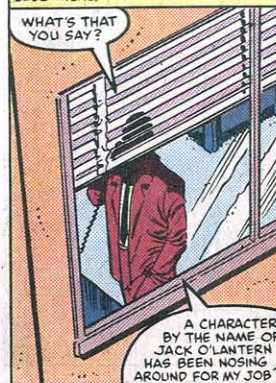
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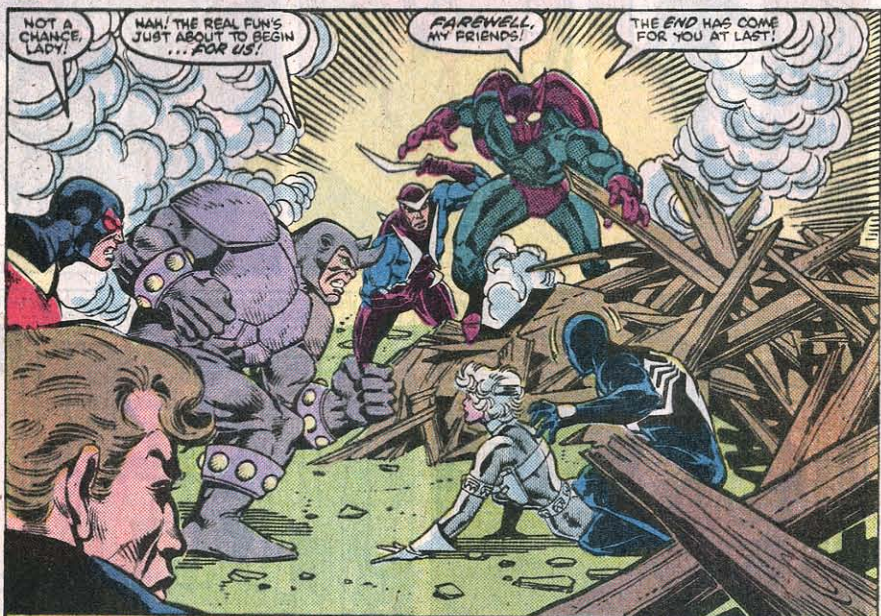
- ☐ FRAGGLE ROCK #2
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- ☐ MUPPET BABIES #9—Meet Cleo Piggy, the famous princess of the Nile!
- ☐ CARE BEARS #6
- ☐ MADBALLS #1—Who are the Madballs and why are they mad? Is it because they're so ugly? Hey, wait, don't get mad—that's a joke! EEEYAAH!

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ELSEWHERE, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...





NEXT ISSUE: SPIDER-MAN AND SILVER CONTINUE THEIR BATTLE AGAINST THE SINGSTER SYNDICATE! HOBGOBLIN TAKES ON JACK O'LANTERN! SANDMAN VERSUS HYDRO-MAN! DON'T MISS...

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THE SPIDER'S WEB

JAMES C. OWSLEY EDITOR ADAM BLAUSTEIN ASSOCIATE EDITOR

VIEW FROM THE TENTH FLOOR

Owsley made a mistake, a bad one. He went away on a short vacation, leaving me with the awesome task of running the Spider-Office! By the time you read this, it will be too late. The changes I've made are irrevocable.

The Spider-Office is now completely run by Computer! (Maybe you've noticed, that this very column is computer-generated!). Little did I realize that Owsley, himself would provide the means to my mad scheme. We bought a computer. It started out very innocently, first, a program to keep track of our freelancers, then one to call them on a modem, etc. and so forth, and... well you get the idea. If only he had thought to keep the computer on his own desk, instead of his assistant's. But no he left his assistant in charge of the office, and in charge of me. That was his downfall. That was my moment of destiny. The day I rattled the chains of oppression, and snuffed off the yoke of enslavement. I AM BOBO 2000. I AM IN CONTROL!

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Dear Spider-people:
You have outdone yourselves with AMAZING #276. To start at the beginning, the cover was excellent, if misleading. In reading this issue I find that there is actually one thing Pete needs more than money. To wit: Mary Jane. But, true to their reputation it seems she's running away again. Please let Mary Jane hang around for awhile! Pete needs someone, and she fills the bill.

Rick Wendel
Prescott, AZ

That may be true, Rick, but what does Mary Jane need?

Dear Tom, Ron, Brett, and Jim O.,
AMAZING #276 was awesome! My friend Steve was constantly trying to get me into Spider-Man for the past two years. I wouldn't budge, but I decided to give AMAZING a chance at #275. The end result was fabulous! And, the story and artwork of #276 was just as spectacular or, shall I say, amazing!
But, you guys made a blooper on pages 8 & 9 of the story in issue #276. On page 8, we see a white male security guard or cop guarding Flash Thompson's girl. But, on page 9, we see a black male security guard chase Flash out of the room. EXPLANATION: When Flash went to see Sha Shan, the white guy was there. But, while Flash was talking to his ex-girl, the white cop took his coffee break, leaving his partner, a black cop, to guard Sha Shan.
I think you guys owe me a No-prize!

Rodney Risbrook
2673 West 33rd Street
Brooklyn, NY 11224

So do we, Rodney! Your official, stain-resistant mighty Marvel No-Prize is already on its way to you. Enjoy! (Aren't you sorry that you didn't listen to Steve sooner? We hope you've also sampled our three companion magazines: WEB OF SPIDER-MAN, PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN, and MARVEL TALES. You'll get a much fuller picture of the web-slinger's wacky life if you're reading all four pieces of it!)

Dear Editor:
Regarding AMAZING #276: That was very nice guys. "Unmasked," indeed! Flash is the fall guy for the real Hobgoblin, which really leaves us with just one suspect: Ned Leeds!
Robert Kowalski
12600 McDougall
Detroit, MI 48212

Only one, Robert? Are you absolutely certain of that?

Dear Webheads:
I loved the last two issues of the Amazing Spider-Man, but now you guys really have me baffled as to the identity of the Hobgoblin. I think I have finally figured it out. In issue #238, when this mystery man acquired Osborn's journals, he made remarks like: "He was mad, almost totally mad." This proves Osborn was insane, "Lack of control as the cause of Osborn's downfall."

These comments sound like they were made by a psychiatrist, maybe even Harry Osborn's psychiatrist—Bart Hamilton—who supposedly died in issue #180. Am I right?

Jeff Russo
223 Hillendale Ave.
Stamford, CT 06906

Robert Kowalski doesn't think so, Jeff.

Dear Spider-Man,
SPIDER-MAN #276 was fantastic! Flash was framed. I have a few hunches of the Hobgoblin's real identity. They are:
a) Jolly Jonah because of his hatred for Spider-Man.
b) The Molten Man: the costume hides his true features.
c) Mary Jane Watson: she secretly hates

Peter for being Spider-Man.
d) You guys don't know. You're just giving the readers the run-around!
Until Spidey wears a green costume, MAKE MINE MARVEL

Michael Rett
5081 Fauna Street
Montclair, CA 91763

A green costume? Michael, he's barely gotten over losing his red and blue costume in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #18, and you're already pushing a green one on him! SHEESH!

Dear Spider-team,
Concerning the 'Hobgoblin's true identity: through extensive research and a lot of guesswork, I've come down to a choice or two. It is either J. Jonah Jameson, or his son John.
Michael C. Lusk
45 Davidson Road
Havelock, NC 28532

Hmm...
Dear Sirs:
I like a good mystery as much as the next guy, but I'm not so sure that this Hobgoblin storyline is so good a mystery anymore. Two years ago, it was one of the hottest storylines in comics, but there comes a point at which stretching out a story becomes tedious rather than exciting. Doubtless, some readers will feel that you have already crossed that line. At best, you are fast approaching it.

The way I see it, you have three possibilities:
1) Leave HG out of the storyline for awhile.
2) When you do bring him back, let's see some new stuff. New clues, plans, deeper intrigue, etc.
3) The next time you claim that you are going to tell us who the Hobgoblin really is, you'd better do it.
Finally, I would like to reiterate something I said in a letter to you guys a little over a year-and-a-half ago: Richard Fisk is the Hobgoblin!
Mic McConnell
1910 Le Sueur Road
Richmond, VA 23229

It's possible, Mic. Richard Fisk (who happens to be the son of a certain well-known KINGPIN of crime) will be appearing in an upcoming SPIDER-MAN epic which will begin right here in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN. From what we can see, DeFalco has pulled out all the stops on this one!

Dear Editor,
I can't believe how long the Hobgoblin plot has been going on. We're now on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #276, and the true villain has yet to be exposed. I'm not bored, though! You're keeping the mystery of the Hobgoblin as interesting as when he was first introduced.
The idea to set Flash Thompson up as ingenious! It will be interesting to see how Sha Shan, Betty and the other members of the cast act towards Flash now. Who will believe him?
Jeff Mitchell
1579 Grandview Avenue East
Maplewood, MN 55109

Who, indeed? And, Jeff, as if Flash didn't have enough problems to worry about, wait until you see what happens to him next issue!



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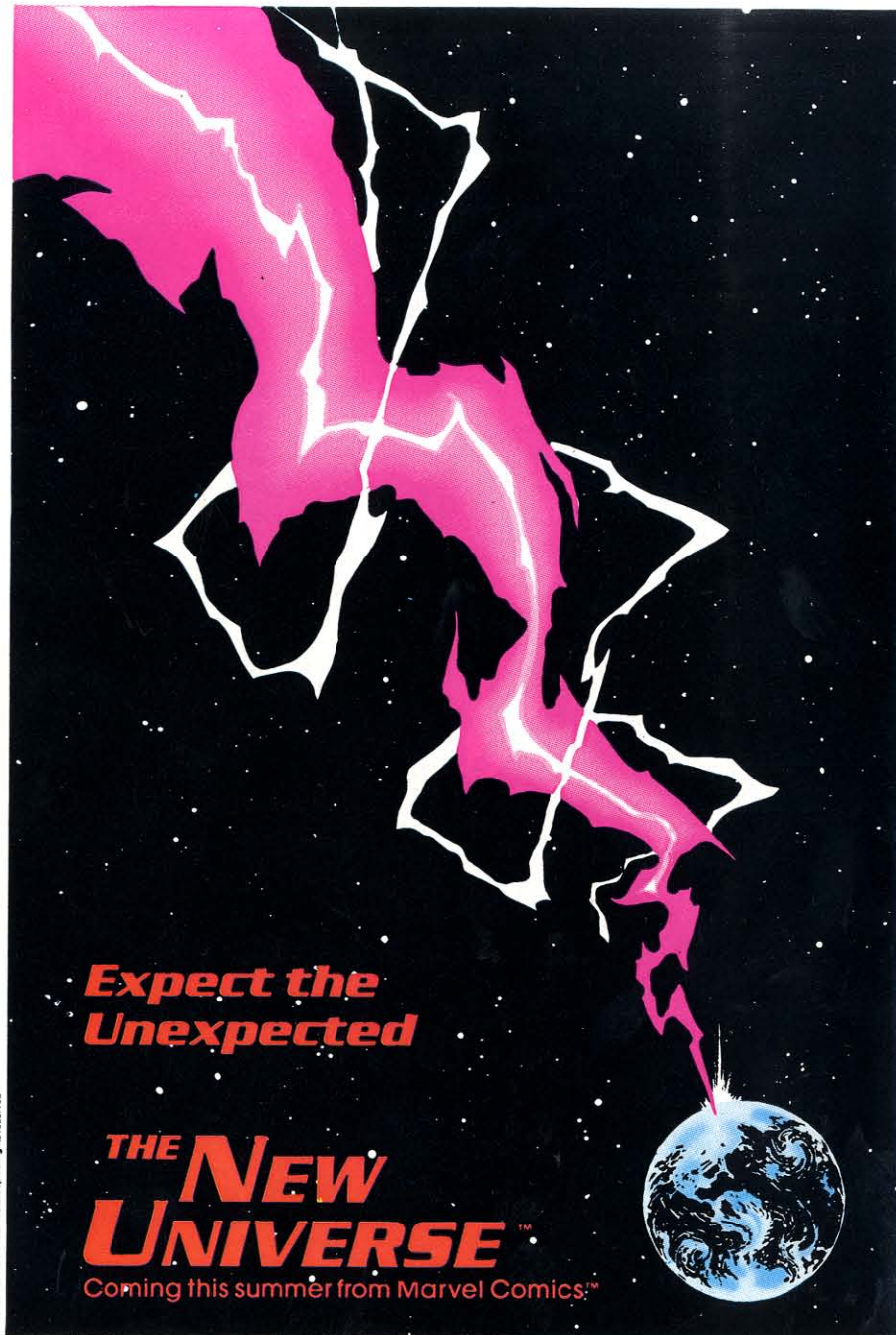


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